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Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. KAINE, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. COONS, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

_____ (legislative day, _____), _____

Reported by Mr. RISCH, with an amendment

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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Haiti Criminal Collu-
5 sion Transparency Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

2 (a) ~~IN GENERAL.~~—Not later than 180 days after the
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4 for 5 years, the Secretary of State, in coordination with
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16 and

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15 elites and criminal gangs threatens the people of
16 Haiti and the national interests and activities of the
17 United States in Haiti; and

18 (8) an assessment of potential actions that the
19 Government of the United States and the Govern-
20 ment of Haiti could take to address the findings
21 made pursuant to paragraph (6).

22 (c) **FORM OF REPORT.**—The report required by sub-
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24 may include a classified annex.

1 **SEC. 3. SANCTIONS.**

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4 appropriate congressional committees, the President shall
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6 to each foreign person identified pursuant to paragraphs
7 (1) and (2) of section 2(b).

8 (b) ~~SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.~~—The sanctions de-
9 scribed in this subsection are the following:

10 (1) ~~PROPERTY BLOCKING.~~—Notwithstanding
11 the requirements of section 202 of the International
12 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701),
13 the President may exercise of all powers granted to
14 the President by that Act to the extent necessary to
15 block and prohibit all transactions in all property
16 and interests in property of any foreign person de-
17 scribed in subsection (a) if such property and inter-
18 ests in property are in the United States, come with-
19 in the United States, or are or come within the pos-
20 session or control of a United States person.

21 (2) ~~ALIENS INADMISSIBLE FOR VISAS, ADMIS-~~
22 ~~SION, OR PAROLE.~~—

23 (A) ~~IN GENERAL.~~—An alien who the Sec-
24 retary of State or the Secretary of Homeland
25 Security (or a designee of one of such Secre-

1 tarries) knows, or has reason to believe, is de-
2 scribed in subsection (a) is—

- 3 (i) inadmissible to the United States;
4 (ii) ineligible for a visa or other docu-
5 mentation to enter the United States; and
6 (iii) otherwise ineligible to be admitted
7 or paroled into the United States or to re-
8 ceive any other benefit under the Immigra-
9 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et
10 seq.).

11 (B) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

12 (i) IN GENERAL.—The issuing con-
13 sular officer, the Secretary of State, or the
14 Secretary of Homeland Security (or a des-
15 ignee of one of such Secretaries) shall, in
16 accordance with section 221(i) of the Im-
17 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
18 1201(i)), revoke any visa or other entry
19 documentation issued to an alien described
20 in subsection (a) regardless of when the
21 visa or other entry documentation was
22 issued.

23 (ii) EFFECT OF REVOCATION.—A rev-
24 ocation under clause (i)—

1 (I) shall take effect immediately;
2 and
3 (H) shall automatically cancel
4 any other valid visa or entry docu-
5 mentation that is in the possession of
6 the alien.

7 (c) EXCEPTIONS.—

8 (1) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTER-
9 NATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.—Sanctions under sub-
10 section (b)(2) shall not apply with respect to the ad-
11 mission of an alien if admitting or paroling the alien
12 into the United States is necessary to permit the
13 United States to comply with the Agreement regard-
14 ing the Headquarters of the United Nations, signed
15 at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered into
16 force November 21, 1947, between the United Na-
17 tions and the United States, or other applicable
18 international obligations of the United States.

19 (2) EXCEPTION RELATING TO THE PROVISION
20 OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.—Sanctions under
21 this section may not be imposed with respect to
22 transactions or the facilitation of transactions for—

23 (A) the sale of agricultural commodities;
24 food, medicine, or medical devices to Haiti;

1 ~~(B)~~ the provision of humanitarian assist-
2 ance to the people of Haiti;

3 ~~(C)~~ financial transactions relating to hu-
4 manitarian assistance or for humanitarian pur-
5 poses in Haiti; or

6 ~~(D)~~ transporting goods or services that are
7 necessary to carry out operations relating to
8 humanitarian assistance or humanitarian pur-
9 poses in Haiti.

10 ~~(d) IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.—~~

11 ~~(1) IMPLEMENTATION.—~~The President may ex-
12 ercise all authorities provided to the President under
13 sections 203 and 205 of the International Emer-
14 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and
15 1704) to carry out this section.

16 ~~(2) PENALTIES.—~~The penalties provided for in
17 subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the Inter-
18 national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
19 U.S.C. 1705) shall apply to any person that violates;
20 attempts to violate; conspires to violate; or causes a
21 violation of any prohibition of this section; or an
22 order or regulation prescribed under this section; to
23 the same extent that such penalties apply to a per-
24 son that commits an unlawful act described in sec-
25 tion 206(a) of such Act (50 U.S.C. 1705(a)).

1 ~~(e) WAIVER.—~~The President may waive the applica-
2 tion of sanctions imposed with respect to a foreign person
3 under this section if the President certifies to the appro-
4 priate congressional committees, not later than 15 days
5 before such waiver takes effect, that the waiver is vital
6 to the national security interests of the United States.

7 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

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10 FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE.—The terms “admit-
11 ted”, “alien”, and “lawfully admitted for permanent
12 residence” have the meanings given those terms in
13 section 101 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
14 (8 U.S.C. 1101).

15 ~~(2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-~~
16 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
17 mittees” means—

18 ~~(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations~~
19 and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
20 Urban Affairs of the Senate; and

21 ~~(B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and~~
22 the Committee on Financial Services of the
23 House of Representatives.

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3 United States person.

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6 a group, committee, corporation, or other entity that
7 exerts substantial influence or control over the econ-
8 omy, infrastructure, or a particular industry of
9 Haiti.

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13 official, a political party leader, or a political com-
14 mittee leader of Haiti.

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